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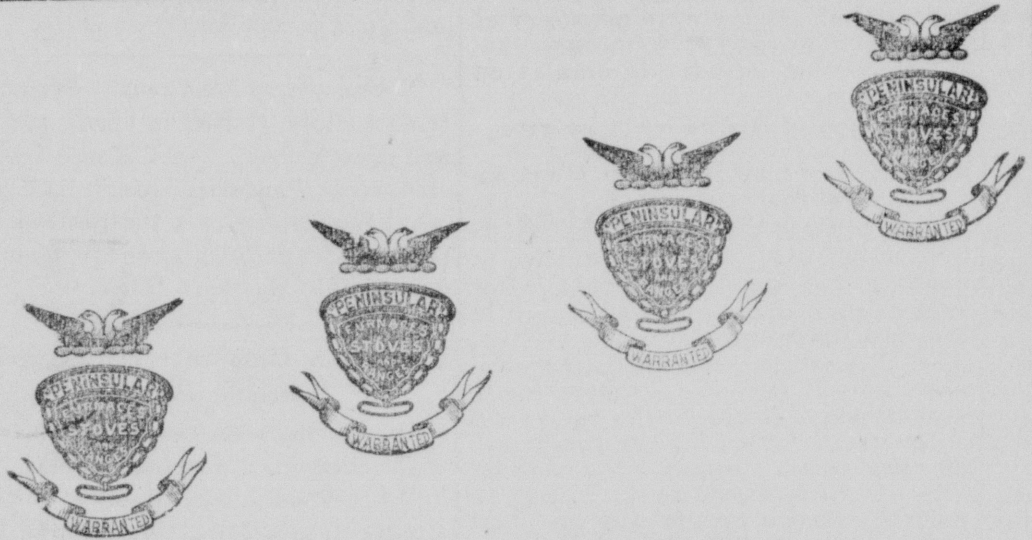
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FOSTER'S FORECAST.

Weather Prognostications for December—Cold Wave About Christmas Time.

Foster's last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent Dec. 10 to 14, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about Dec. 15, cross west of Rockies country by close of 16, great central valleys 17 to 19, eastern states 20.

Warm wave will cross west of Rockies country about Dec. 15, great central valley 17, eastern states 19.

Cool wave will cross west of Rockies country about Dec. 18, great central valleys Dec. 20, eastern states Dec. 22.

Temperature of the week ending at 8 a. m., Dec. 25, will average below normal in the great central valley, in the Atlantic states and above on Pacific slope. Rainfall will be below normal in the great central valleys and above on Pacific slope and in the Atlantic states.

Fourth storm wave will reach Pacific states about 20, cross west of Rockies country by close of 21, great central valleys 22 to 24, eastern states 25.

Warm wave will cross west of Rockies country about 20, great central valleys 22, eastern states 24. Cool wave will cross west of Rockies country about 23, great central valleys 25, eastern states 27. This cool wave will bring a great fall in the temperature.

PROBATE COURT.

Record of the Work Done by Judge Farrand.

Will of Eli B. Baker, deceased, recorded.

Philip O'Connell appointed guardian of May and Kittie O'Connell, heirs of Thomas O'Connell, deceased. Bond of \$4,500 approved.

Elmer O. E. Orner appointed guardian of Virgie and Lizzie Orner, heirs of Henry Baemar, deceased. Bond of \$933 approved.

Two Painful Accidents Friday.

The Sterling Gazette of Saturday evening says:

"Robert McIlmoyle had his left hand painfully injured while working in the Charter Gas Engine works in Sterling yesterday. He was handling the cylinder of a gas engine and it fell in such a manner as to hit all the fingers on his hand, loosening the flesh from the bone, but fortunately did not break any bones.

"Benjamin Brown met with a painful accident about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon while helping to saw wood with a power saw on Mort Adair's farm. As he was handling a piece of heavy wood his hand slipped in front the rapidly revolving saw, which fearfully mutilated the four fingers of his left hand. The two middle fingers were so badly cut that they had to be amputated close to the palm. The accident is a very unfortunate one as the young man has just recovered from a severe sickness lasting four months."

Feet of Skill.

Mrs. W. H. Williamson is entertaining her mother from Wichita, Kansas, and her brother, Chas. Tripp. Mr. Tripp will be remembered as the gentleman who was here with Barnum's show a few years ago and with which institution he has traveled for a great many years. Having been born without arms he early learned to use his feet with such skill that the loss of hands is no hindrance to him. When a boy at school he would go to the blackboard with the rest of his class and while standing on one foot would write out his exercises with the other. Constant practice has made him more nimble with his feet than the average person is with his hands. He is an interesting conversationalist and has traveled extensively. He has just returned from a European trip and in London appeared before the Queen and the English court. His penmanship equals that of a pen artist with free and perfect flourishes, and he delights to work with carpenters' tools. He will handle cards with such nimbleness as to be overpoweringly amusing.

Attention, G. A. R.

Dixon Post, No. 299 G. A. R., will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock for regular business and the annual election of officers. A full attendance is urgently requested. JOHN D. CRABTREE.

—The present rain has raised the river several inches so that quite a body of water is again flowing over the dam.

—There will be no meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board of directors this evening.

DEATH OF WILLIS REAMS.

Further Particulars—Meets His End in a Tile Ditch.

Willis Leams of Pawpaw was instantly killed last Saturday about 10 o'clock a. m., while working in a tile ditch on a farm belonging to David Smith of Willow Creek township. The Smith tract joins the Stalnbrook home- stead on the north and is about four miles north of Pawpaw. The soil in that section is quite sandy, making ditching at ten feet below the surface somewhat dangerous, and Mr. Reams' death was the result of a cave-in.

Mr. Reams and his fellow workman, John Carl, both of Pawpaw, had been ditching on the Smith place for the past two weeks and altho all the work was from six to ten feet in depth, no mishaps had occurred. The men usually worked in the ditch together, but fortunately just at the time of the land slide Mr. Carl happened to be on the surface. He had just passed some tilling implements to Mr. Reams, who was still at work in the ditch, and had gone to get a drink of water when he heard the death cry of Mr. Reams as he was being smothered and crushed beneath ten feet of earth.

It being some distance to the nearest neighbor, and as Mr. Carl is capable of throwing as many cubic yards of dirt in a day as the next man, he concluded it would be a waste of time to run for assistance. So, acting on the impulse of the moment, he set to work with a will to disinter his friend. After working hard for more than an hour he gave up in despair and ran to the neighbors and gave the alarm.

In a short time the entire community was aroused. John Mortimer went to Pawpaw and brought a gang of men to assist. Dr. Crowell was sent for. Many of the neighbors came hurriedly to the scene of the accident. Among the first to arrive were Wilbur Howlett and H. D. Bennis. All hands set to work and by 12 o'clock the lifeless body of the once robust Willis Reams was lifted to the surface.

Dr. Crowell of Pawpaw, formerly of Dixon, had arrived by this time and upon examination it was found that death must have resulted almost instantly. The skull was badly crushed and fractured and the sandiness of the soil probably caused suffocation. The remains were taken to Pawpaw where arrangements will be made for the funeral.

The deceased was 45 years of age. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reams, late of Pawpaw. The father was killed some years ago in the Pawpaw cyclone. The mother has been dead about a year. He was born at Pawpaw and that place has always been his home. He had an ideal physique and had always enjoyed the best of health. He was modest in his habits and pretensions and was much respected by a very large circle of friends who mourn his death. He leaves a sister, Mrs. Sarah Jenkins of Pawpaw, and four brothers, Daniel, deputy sheriff, John of Pawpaw, Samuel of McComb and Charles of De Kalb.

FREEPORT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Good Fortune Alone Prevented a Destructive Dynamite Explosion.

In going home from school Friday afternoon, one of the children, Clarence Wilcox, picked up a queer-looking stick of something in the River school yard at Freeport. He did not know what it was, but it looked interesting, so he kept it. Afterward he broke it in two and gave half of it to a little schoolmate. She, however, threw her part of the uninteresting looking object in a ditch, while the boy carried his home and gave it to his mother.

After looking hurriedly at the yellowish object, she was about to toss it into the stove, when she thought she would keep it until her husband came home. He, on examination, discovered on it a partly worn label of the Aetna Powder Co., which revealed the dangerous character of the harmless looking object.

FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

Wisconsin Cattle Were Shot.

It seems that they are killing cattle for tuberculosis in Wisconsin as well as in Illinois. The following is taken from the Janesville Recorder.

State Veterinarian H. P. Clute, of Marinette, Wis., will arrive in this city today for the purpose of killing a number of cattle on the farm of Will Sherman, in town of LaPrairie. The cattle are afflicted and probably all will be shot.

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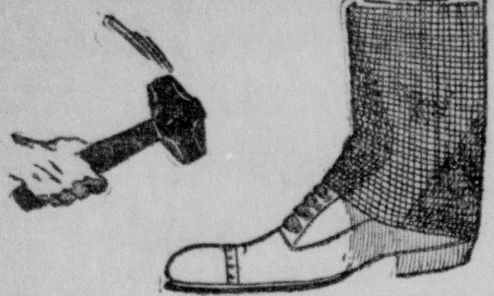
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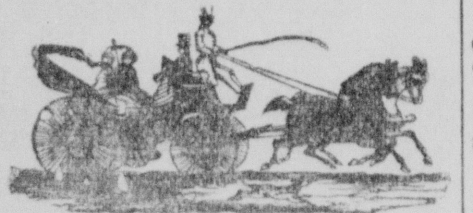
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Some Other Fellow.

The following we clip from Saturday's Rockford Register Gazette. Some fellow must have been using E. E. Bigelow's name in the West. Our Ed. Bigelow of "A Chinese Girl" fame is rehearsing that play at Clinton, Iowa, and those acquainted with him in Dixon say that he is not a drinking man.

"E. D. Bigelow was arrested by Officers Quinn and Little Friday afternoon on a telegram saying he is wanted at Ft. Atkinson, Wis., for stealing. He spent the night in the county jail and District Attorney Rogers of Ft. Atkinson wired that an officer would be here for him today. Bigelow is a wandering actor engaged in putting on home talent plays, and recently engineered one at Ft. Atkinson. About all he had when arrested was a jag, a box of grease paint and some old letters and handbills. Conductor Quirk of the Northwestern turned Bigelow over to the local authorities on the arrival of the train Friday afternoon. The fellow expressed surprise at his arrest."

Healthy Condition.

We are pleased to publish the following official statement concerning the health conditions of our North Side College, being isolated as it is and being so healthfully and delightfully located gives it the immense advantage it now enjoys:

DIXON, ILL., Dec. 7, 1899.

PROF. C. A. STEINMANN, Dixon, Ill.

Dear Sir: I desire to say that Dr. J. A. Egan, Secretary of the State Board of Health, Dr. C. S. Nelson of Springfield, an expert on contagious diseases employed by the state and myself have made a thorough inspection of your school buildings from top to bottom, and find them in perfect sanitary condition with no evidence of contagious disease of any kind among your students.

Yours truly, A. F. MOORE, M. D.

Health Commissioner.

We publish the following statement from Dr. Law:

DIXON, ILL., Dec. 7, 1899.

I hereby certify that I find the Steinmann School in a perfect sanitary condition. D. H. LAW, M. D.

Election of Officers.

At the recent election of officers for Rock River Camp, Royal Neighbors, the following were elected:

Oracle—Estella J. Osborn.

Vice Oracle—Susanna Jacobus.

Recorder—Mary E. Pankhurst.

Receiver—Ann Ophelia Burkett.

Chancellor—Fannie Toot.

Marshal—Jessie Brown.

Inner Sentinel—Dora Bush.

Outer Sentinel—Bertha Schiffer.

Manager—Mary Brown.

Physicians—Dr. C. C. Kost and Dr. Marion White.

—James Laverty came down from Belvidere Saturday to visit friends.

—Howard Johnson and family hope to move into their new home this week.

—Belvidere is making preparations to entertain the State Dairymen's Association next month.

—A free rural mail delivery route is being made up from Rockford; the first in Winnebago county.

—Mr. and Mrs. Rowland B. Page will make their home at 62 West Chamberlain street North Dixon.

—Two Mormon elders are about to open a series of meetings at Rockford. They will doubtless tell the people of that city why Mr. Roberts ought to be admitted to congress.

—The Standard says there are no new cases of smallpox in Sterling and that only four houses are quarantined. It says that the reports in the country are greatly exaggerated. Very likely.

—We give in this paper an interesting letter from a former Dixon editor which will be read with interest, as it comes fresh from Washington and is about our own statesmen from Illinois.

—A writer in the November Ladies' Home Journal tells an interesting story of Sargent, the artist, in connection with his great mural painting in the Boston Public Library. Sargent had given much time and study to his theme, but went to some friends one day in a mood of artistic despair, insisting that he had conceived an idea beyond his powers of execution. He explained, then gloomily insisted, that he was going home to destroy the entire batch of drawings. They pleaded with him not to do so before they had seen them. He consented, and spurred on by their encouragement, finished his noble design. But for the insistence of Sargent's friends we would have lost one of our most treasured works of art.

HACK LINE.

A. I. GAGE has the first-class hack line in the city. Office corner Third street and Monroe avenue, telephone 133, or leave orders at Parker & Winders drug store, telephone 45. Will also furnish 10c hack to all day trains.

BOERS WIN A VICTORY

British Retreat After a Fight for the First Time Since the Advance.

GATACRE MAKES A BAD START

Seems to Have Been Led into a Trap by His Guides.

Loses a Heavy Per Cent. of His Force as Prisoners—Hundreds Reported Missing Out of an Army of 4,000 Men, Officers Being Again a Large Proportion of the Losses—Not Many Deaths Mentioned—Brief Details of the Fight.

Cape Town, Dec. 9.—It is rumored here that the Boers attacked Kimberley at close quarters last night, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from Pretoria, dated today, says: "Fighting is reported to have occurred in the direction of Kimberley. It is presumed that this is another sortie. The Dutch German ambulance corps has been enthusiastically received and will be divided between Natal and the Free State frontier."

Molteno, Cape Colony, Dec. 10.—General Gatacre left Putter's Kraal by train for Molteno, and then proceeded by force march twelve miles toward Stormberg. He had 2,000 men, including the Northumberland Fusiliers, the Royal Irish Rifles and two batteries of field artillery. The British were unmolested by the Boers until the Boer position was reached, when a hot fire was unexpectedly opened upon the advancing column. The engagement began at 4:15 a. m. At 7 a. m., after a sharp artillery duel, the British re-



GENERAL GATACRE.

tired. They are now marching toward Molteno. General Gatacre found the enemy's position impregnable. It was impossible for the British infantry to get at the Boers.

Gatacre Reports Casualties.

London, Dec. 11.—The war office publishes the following dispatch from General Forester-Walker at Cape Town: "Gatacre reports: 'Deeply regret to inform you that I met with a serious reverse in the attack on Stormberg. I was misled as to the enemy's position by the guides and found impracticable ground. Casualties, so far as known at present are: Second battalion Royal Irish Rifles: Wounded—Lieutenant Colonel Eager, Major Seaton, Captain Bell, Captain Kelly, Lieutenant Stephens, Lieutenant Barnardston. Suffolk regiment: Wounded—Second Lieutenant Maynard and twelve men. Missing—Captain Weir, Lieutenant Rodney and 290 men."

Another Big Batch of Missing.

Seventy-fourth field battery: Severely wounded—Lieutenant Lewis and three men. Slightly wounded, two men. Seventy-seventh field battery: Killed—One gunner. Wounded, Major Perceval. Northumberland Fusiliers: Missing—Major Stevens, Captain Fletcher, Captain Morley, Second Lieutenant Wake, Second Lieutenant Coulson, Lieutenant Radcliffe, together with 306 non-commissioned officers and men. Royal Berkshire regiment: Killed—One private. The remainder of my casualties will be wired as soon as ascertained."

SOME DETAILS OF THE FIGHT.

Called a Reconnaissance in Force—Found What Was Looked For.

Molteno, Cape Colony, Dec. 10, 5:30 p. m.—General Gatacre's movement may be termed a reconnaissance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the position of the Boers, who were strongly entrenched along the Stormberg range. He left Putter's kraal shortly after noon yesterday with a fighting force slightly over 4,000 men. Leaving Molteno at 9 last evening he made a memorable night march over the rocks and veldt. There was no sound except a steady tramp, and there were no distinguishing lights, the bright moon having gone down about 11:30.

The column arrived safely within a couple of miles of its destination, the only incidents of the march being an occasional sudden call of "halt," under the belief that the Boers were near. Suddenly a terrific fire opened simultaneously on the British front and right flank. The Royal Irish Rifles, which formed the advance, sought shelter behind a neighboring kopje, and were speedily joined by the remainder of the column. It was soon found, however, that this position also was covered by Boer guns, which were more powerful than had been supposed.

The troops, therefore, sought a safer position about half a mile away, two batteries in the meantime, engaging the Boers and covering the troops in their withdrawal. The action now became general at long range, and a detachment of mounted infantry moved northward with a view of getting on the enemy's right flank. Suddenly a strong commando was seen moving from the north, and the Royal Irish

Rifles and the Northumberland regiment were sent out to meet it.

It was soon discovered, however, that the Boers had machine guns well placed, and the British were compelled to face a terrible fire. Finding it impossible to hold the position in the face of an enemy apparently superior in position, numbers and artillery, the British retired on Molteno, the Boers following up the retirement closely and bringing two big guns to bear on the retreating column.

London, Dec. 11.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Molteno: "General Gatacre attempted to assault the Boer position at Stormberg at dawn today (Sunday). The guides led us wrong, and we were surprised while in fours and after a very trying night march. Our retirement was effected in excellent order, there being no hurry even at the most critical time. The Northumberland and Irish Rifles behaved as if on review day. I fear our losses are heavy. One of our guns we had to abandon."

BOERS SURPRISED AT LADYSMITH.

British Make a Night Attack and Ruin a Six-Inch Cresset Gun.

London, Dec. 11.—The success of a sortie from Ladysmith, in which a detachment of Natal volunteers captured the Boer position on Lombard Kop, destroying two guns and carrying away a third, has given encouragement to the war officials. It is held to show that the besieged town's garrison is in no immediate danger and can hold its own until relief arrives. The Boers were taken by surprise in a night attack with the British from Pretoria agrees with the British account of the engagement.

The war office Saturday night issued the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Frere Camp, Dec. 9, afternoon: "The following was received from General White today: 'Last night sent General Hunter with 500 Natal volunteers under Royston and 100 of the Imperial Light Horse under Edwards to surprise a gun on a hill. The enterprise was admirably carried out, and was entirely successful, the hill being captured and a six-inch gun and howitzer being destroyed with guncock by Captain Fowke and Lieutenant Turner. A Maxim was captured and brought to Ladysmith. Our loss was one killed, and Major Henderson, of the first battalion of the Argyle Highlanders, wounded. At the same time that Colonel Knox seized the hill one squadron of the Nineteenth Hussars rode round Popworth hill, burning kraals and cutting the telegraph lines. They had no casualties.'

Frere Camp, Natal, Dec. 10, 6 p. m.—Heliographic communication with Ladysmith continues daily. General Schalk—Burger and Commandant Louis Botha are in command of the Boer forces investing Ladysmith. Their horses are said to be in poor condition. A heavy report was heard in the direction of Colenso today. The sound was followed by a big cloud of smoke. The supposition is that the enemy had blown up the highway bridge.

The Transvaal government has decided to consider Winston Churchill, who was captured Nov. 15 between Estcourt and Chieveley, a combatant officer, and to retain him as a prisoner. Churchill has applied to General Buller with a view of getting an exchange.

MILLER AND WALLER WIN.

Chicago's Wheel Champion One of the Leaders in the Gotham Race.

New York, Dec. 11.—Charles W. Miller, of Chicago, the long-distance champion bicycle rider of the world, and Frank Waller, the Dutchman, won the six-day bicycle race which began at midnight Saturday, Dec. 10, at Madison Square garden. They finished at 10 o'clock Saturday night first by two laps, with 2,733 2-5 miles to their credit. Otto Maya, of Erie, Pa., and Archie McEachern, the Canadian, were second. Louis Gimm, of Pittsburgh, and Burns Pierce, of Boston, were third. The closing score was: Miller-Waller, 2,733-4; Maya-McEachern, 2,733-2; Gimm-Pierce, 2,733-1; Fischer-Chevalier, 2,732-3; Stevens-Turville, 2,732-7; Babcock-Stinson, 2,732-2; Schiener-Forster, 2,465-5.

Robert Walthour, the plucky little Georgian, whose team partner, Jay Eaton, dropped out of the contest on Tuesday, won the first prize for the highest individual score, having ridden 1,402 4-5 miles. For their week of riding, Miller and Waller, exclusive of individual prizes will receive \$1,000; Maya and McEachern, \$700; Gimm and Pierce, \$400, and the others \$300, \$200 and \$100. Walthour will receive \$500 for the individual championship. The men all quit in good physical shape.

Four Hours of Flame Burns \$1,000,000.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 11.—A fire which had its origin in a dry goods store here shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning burned four hours and laid waste a block in the center of the business portion of the city. The damage will approximate \$1,000,000. There were no casualties.

Death of a Prominent Attorney.

Beaver Dam, Wis., Dec. 11.—A. P. Smith, a prominent attorney of Omaha, died here Thursday, aged 72 years. Smith was brought here from Omaha ten days ago in a special car. He was attorney of the Union Pacific railway, with headquarters at Omaha, for several years. His old home was Beaver Dam and during his residence here he held many offices of trust.

Republicans Get the Certificates.

Frankfort, Dec. 11.—Saturday the state canvassing board filed its report and signed the election certificates of the Republican candidates for state officers from governor down. Taylor's plurality is 2,383. The Democratic committee has been called to meet and Goebel may contest before the legislature.

Succé, the Faster, Unmasked.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 11.—Succé, the famous Italian faster, has been unmasked here. Dr. Daniel Almeida has discovered that he used fibrous meat compressed into the smallest size, and this, with a small quantity of mineral water, was enough to prevent starvation.

Total Illinois Tax Valuation.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 11.—The total equalized assessed value of the property of the state for the year as fixed by the state board of equalization amounts to \$953,099,574, an increase of \$174,624,664 over the year 1898.

THIRTY-TWO VICTIMS

Of a Death-Blast in a Coal Mine in the State of Washington.

SEVENTY-SIX MINERS IN THE PIT

Out of Which Number Thirty-Nine Are Unhurt—Five Are Wounded—Bodies of the Dead Dreadfully Mangled in Some Cases—Rescuers Quick to Rush Into the Workings to Save Their Comrades—Heartrending Scene at the Mouth of the Mine.

Carbonado, Wash., Dec. 11.—Stunned by the suddenness of the mine horror here Saturday the people seem too dazed for any expression of grief of a demonstrative nature. Shortly before 11 a. m. Saturday this quiet coal mining village was appalled by the first report of a terrific subterranean explosion in the mine of the Carbon Hill Coal company, the tunnels of which run for miles under the town. There was an enormous rumbling, smothered, sound for a few moments and then it ceased abruptly. The people who had been accustomed to a livelihood by mining knew at once what this meant, and stood around with blanched faces. Apprehensions of some fearful disaster were confirmed in a little while by the information that the morning shift in tunnel No. 7 had been caught in an explosion of fire damp.

Terrible Scene of Anguish.

A rush of the inhabitants was made in the direction of the mouth of the tunnel. Women—the wives of the men supposed to be in the shaft—ran to and fro screaming and wringing their hands with anguish, crying children clinging to their skirts. It was all that D. T. Davies, the superintendent of the mine, could do to keep the friends of the doomed miners and their wives from plunging madly into the tunnel's mouth. The foreman in charge of the shift was Jonah Davies. The number of men employed in the shift was seventy-six. Their hours were from 7 a. m. to 3 p. m. The explosion occurred between 10 and 11 a. m., as near as can be ascertained. Jonah Davies, the foreman, escaped unhurt and besides him about twenty Finns.

Brave Men to the Rescue.

Those who escaped immediately went back into the mine in the hope of being able to rescue those still supposed to be alive, and in a short time the dead and wounded were being sent to the surface. The scenes at the hospital were pitiful. Men whose clothing was almost burned from their bodies were laid out as fast as they arrive, their eyebrows and hair singed and their faces black and bleeding. Women and children surrounded the building weeping. The work of rescuing the living was completed at 9 p. m. Saturday. By that time the mine had been purified by the fans to such an extent as to permit free ingress and egress. Men went down in little parties of two or more and searched for the living as fast as the deadly damp would allow progress. Those who were brought to the surface were muffled in sackings to protect their burns until they could be hoisted to the top of the incline and carried to the hospital. There were not many of these, but the search was continued until all hope of saving life was at an end.

DEAD MEN NUMBER THIRTY-TWO.

Rescue of Two Who Had Been Given Up as Among the Dead.

Thirty-two is the number of dead, as by a miracle two men were rescued after suffering an awful night entombed in the dark cavernous chamber of horrors. Almost mocking the doleful situation one of the men, Peter Merp, proudly slapped himself on the breast as he was emerging from the mouth of the main tunnel, ejaculating: "Peter's all right, how's my dogs?" In painful contrast to him was the other unfortunate, named Michael Knish, a pole. So sickened had he been with the air laden with its black damp that he could hardly find his voice, and what utterances he did give went to be born of delirium. Later in the day Knish said: "I was working on the fourth cross-cut when it came. After that I went to sleep and somebody came and woke me up and took me out of there."

The names of the dead as far as identified are as follows: Leonard Johnson, Henry Solmi, Matt Reineke and Victor Rubinaki—all Finns; Michael Kichniko, John Mellon and Andrew Gecey—Poles; John H. Jones, David Thomas, Howell Meredith, Sr., Watkins Jones, Evan M. Lewis, Daniel Davis and Lee S. Jones—all Welsh; Wilson, Joseph Lee, Richard Dape and Ben Seiler, Jr.—all Americans; August Hainayt and Emil Hainayt—Belgians; Paul Curtiss, Adam Pavoll, John Flota and Steven Krunoga—Poles; Ben Zedler, Sr.—German; Matt Nuland and Jacob Lange—Finns.

The injured in addition to Knish number five. They are Andrew Kichniko, Michael J. Kichniko, Hungarians; Abraham Kalunki and James Conway, the first man to leave the mine of Foreman Davies' shift, all of whom are severely burned, and Caldoio Parolini, and Italian, who has several ribs fractured by falling timbers.

Governor Rogers will conduct a searching examination as to the cause of the explosion. He telegraphed State Mine Inspector Owens, now at Spokane, to attend the inquest and examine witnesses himself. The question of insufficient ventilation of the mine in accordance with the state law will be thoroughly gone into. It has been found impossible to secure an impartial coroner's jury in the mining district, and Coroner Hoskel has gone to Tacoma and will select his jurors there.

The theory of Superintendent Davies is that a small pocket of gas was opened and became ignited. The concussion of the gas explosion caused a terrific explosion of dust, which caused all the damage and loss of life.

Job for Judge Springer.

Tablequah, I. T., Dec. 11.—The Cherokee legislature has passed an act employing Judge William M. Springer of Illinois as resident attorney for the Cherokees at Washington for one year.

STANDS VERY HIGH.

Estimation of the Public Argues Well for it.

Good Reports Are Coming in from All Sections of the Country.

There is not a medicine sold in Dixon today that stands as high in the estimation of our people as Morrow's Kidneys. Not only in Dixon is Morrow's Kidneys achieving great success, but good reports come from all sections of the country and these reports come because the people have been cured of kidney and urinary disorders just the same as many in Dixon have been cured.

Sylvester McAllister, who lives at No. 264 Franklin street, Elgin, Illinois, has something to say to the people of Dixon about Morrow's Kidneys: "I have suffered terribly for the past five or six years with pain in my back and urinary organs; I have been so bad that it was necessary to use a catheter to draw the urine. I have been laid up for three weeks at a time, and have been treated by physicians and have used kidney pills, but I never received any permanent relief until I used Morrow's Kidneys; they are truly a wonderful remedy and too much praise cannot be given them; they relieved my back and urinary troubles at once. Anyone doubting this statement may communicate with me."

Kidneys cure all kidney disorders. They are not pills, but Yellow Tablets and are put up in wooden boxes which sell for fifty cents at all drug stores and D. S. Horton's Drug Store. A descriptive booklet mailed upon request by John Morrow & Co., Chemists, Springfield, Ohio.

Mrs. R. Churchill, Berlin, Vt., says, "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. Rowland Bros.

When You Ride Your Wheel

Always shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It keeps your feet cool, prevents sweating feet, and makes your endurance tenfold greater. Over one million wheel people are using Allen's Foot-Ease. They all praise it. It gives rest and comfort to smarting, hot, swollen, aching, feet and is a certain cure for ingrowing nails. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample FREE by mail. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y. 3

Grain-O! Grain-O!

Remember that name when you want a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it. Grain-O is made of pure grain, it aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder and the children as well as the adult can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 1/4 as much as coffee. 15c. and 25c. per package. Ask your grocer for Grain-O. 4

"I was nearly dead with dyspepsia, tried doctors, visited mineral springs, and grew worse. I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. That cured me." It digests what you eat. Cures indigestion, sour stomach, heartburn and all forms of dyspepsia. Rowland Bros.

Son of an Ohio Merchant Cured of Chronic Diarrhoea.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Some time ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.—THOMAS C. BOWER, Glencoe, Ohio. For sale by Rowland Bros.

Approved by Time.

It is now thirty years since the wonderful curative powers of Bethesda Mineral Spring Water were discovered. Thousands have visited the Springs at Waukesha, Wisconsin, and hundreds of thousands of sufferers from kidney troubles have been relieved and cured by using the water in their own homes. Sold in sealed half-gallon bottles by all first-class druggists. A. M. Jones, President, Bethesda Mineral Spring Co., Waukesha, Wis. 2

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. Rowland Bros.

A Safe Medicine for Children.
In buying a cough medicine for children never be misled to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it, as it contains no opium or other harmful drug, and quick relief is always sure to follow. It is especially valuable for colds, croup and whooping cough. It is for sale by Rowland Bros., Druggists.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Patterson

DYNAMITE SYMPATHY

Shown by Somebody at Springfield for the Street Railway Strikers.

CAR IS BLOWN OFF THE TRACK

Nobody Hurt, but the Car Wrecked—Track Wreckers Arrested—Strike Leader Wants the Guilty Ones to Get the Limit of the Law—Comments on the Illinois Central Taxes—Man Who Knows the Mysterious Miss Glenn.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 11.—Dynamite was placed beneath a street car shortly after 10 o'clock Saturday night, and it was badly wrecked by the explosion that followed. Fortunately but one passenger, besides the conductor and the motorman, was aboard the car at the time. No one was hurt. The police were quickly notified and a patrol wagon loaded with officers made a fast run to the scene of the wreck, but the perpetrators of the deed were not found. Neither the conductor nor the motorman had seen any person or persons in the vicinity before the explosion. The explosion was so violent that the front trucks were broken and thrown from the track, after being separated from the body of the car. A great hole was torn in the flooring, and every pane of glass was broken.

They Tear Up the Track. Seven employees of the Springfield rolling mill are in jail here charged with the destruction of private property. Walter Laster and Jack Smith were caught tearing up the street car tracks and cutting trolley wires in Ridgely, a suburb of Springfield, at 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Henry Hayes attempted to escape arrest, and was shot in the thigh by Sheriff Woods. Hayes wound is painful but not dangerous. Rhiney Schwan and Joseph Geidel were arrested later, and Joseph Bell and Rodney Munson were arrested still later, all charged with complicity in the affair. The officials of the street railway company say they have a strong case against each of the men under arrest.

Labor Leader Demands Punishment. Robert L. McLean, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, gave out an interview Saturday night, in which he demanded that the men who tore up the tracks be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The strike of the street car men is sanctioned and managed by the Federation of Labor, and State President McLean says the lawlessness at Ridgely is the hardest blow yet dealt to the cause of the strikers.

MISS GLENN BADLY WANTED. West Virginia Sheriff Is After Her for Numerous Forgeries.

Hillsboro, Ills., Dec. 11.—The motion to quash the indictment against Ellis Glenn, the mysterious female forger, who masqueraded in male attire, was renewed by Attorney Oiler and State's Attorney Creighton in the circuit court, but Judge Dwight reserved his decision. William Richards, of Parkersburg, W. Va., has arrived here with requisition papers. He states that while Miss Glenn's appearance has changed somewhat she is unquestionably the person wanted for numerous forgeries around Parkersburg.

Nellie Dukes, sister of Glenn's fiancé and her father, James Dukes, were interested spectators of the court proceedings, and later visited the Glenn woman in jail. The prisoner and Miss Dukes embraced and kissed each other repeatedly. Charitable Hillsboro women furnished Miss Glenn with suitable apparel, but she again appeared in court in male attire.

TAXES PAID BY THE CENTRAL.

President Fish Makes Some Comparisons That Are Interesting.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 11.—Governor Tanner has received a communication from Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central railroad, comparing the amount of taxes paid the state by the Illinois Central railroad during the present administration with the former one. In part the communication is as follows: "The state received during the four years of Governor Altgeld's administration \$2,546,599, an average per day of \$1,744. The state received during the two years and ten months of your administration \$1,875,423, an average gain of \$25,294 per year.

"As it is well within the bounds to say that the receipts for the calendar year 1899 will exceed \$7,000,000, we have, therefore, the following figures for the first three years of your administration: 1897, \$638,313; 1898, \$555,649; 1899, \$700,000; total in three years, \$1,994,962; average per year, \$664,987.

State Republican Love Feast.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The Republican state executive committee has decided to hold the Republican love feast and a meeting of the full state committee in Springfield Dec. 29. Governor Tanner's friends will gather in Springfield the day before and a "Tanner" caucus will be held. According to custom and precedent Republican candidates for state offices declare their intentions of seeking nominations at the love feast, and on Dec. 29 Governor Tanner is expected to tell the Republicans of the state whether he is a candidate for re-nomination.

Celebrated a Strike End.

Decatur, Ills., Dec. 11.—Five hundred Decatur miners and several hundred miners from Moweaqua, Pana, Taylorville, Riverton and other towns joined Saturday night in celebrating the end of the strike here and the allowance by the operators of all the demands of the men. It was marked by the biggest feast ever seen in this part of the state. Business men gave a sheep, a hog and quantities of things to eat. Animals were rustled whole.

Jury Has Failed to Agree.

Alton, Ills., Dec. 11.—The jury in the Alton school case was discharged by Judge Burroughs. The jury was out fifty-five hours and failed to agree. It was the second time the case had been tried. The first trial was a victory for the whites, but the verdict was reversed by the supreme court, and the case remanded for retrial. The case is one where negroes are resisting the attempt to separate the races in school.

CASE OF ROBERTS OF UTAH.

His Principal Defense Is a Denial of Jurisdiction.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Representative-elect Roberts, of Utah, at a secret session of the committee having his case in charge, Saturday acknowledged the existence of the court record wherein he pleaded guilty in 1889 of a misdemeanor under the Edmunds-Tucker law. When asked whether he had married plural wives since 1890 and had lived with them he said he had not, and then demurred to the jurisdiction of the committee.

Roberts argued the points of his case for nearly two hours, frequently referring to the statute and answering all inquiries propounded. It was a legal controversy throughout, the facts not being gone into in detail. Roberts concluded by asking that his prima facie right to a seat in congress be considered at once.

A. T. Schroeder, to whom Roberts objected as a witness on moral grounds, testified to the committee as to where evidence could be found against Roberts and suggested calling two—the last two—of Roberts' wives.

CHICAGO IS CHAMPION.

On the Western Chicago Foot Ball Field—Wisconsin Defeated.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 11.—The western foot ball championship goes to Chicago. Before at least 12,000 persons the eleven of the University of Chicago Saturday defeated the University of Wisconsin team by a score of 17 to 0 in a game that for desperate playing, for clean, scientific foot ball, has probably never been equaled on a western gridiron. No flukes marred the victory of the study Chicago players, and for the first time in years they can lay claim to an undisputed title to the championship.

Chicago's mass plays were irresistible, and though the Badgers fought until they could fight no more, through the first half and once in the second half the Chicago plunged through Wisconsin's line until the ball was carried over the goal line. Only once did Wisconsin have even a chance to score, and that one chance the team was unable to avail itself of, as with the ball on its own fifteen-yard line the Chicago forwards braced so effectively that on four downs the ball was only shoved forward three yards.

CANADIAN STEAMER FOUNDERS

Carries Down with It to a Lake Tomb a Crew of Sixteen.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 11.—It is now certain that the Canadian steamer Niagara, Captain Henry McCleary, foundered on Tuesday evening last about eight miles east of Long Point, Lake Erie, with all hands, numbering sixteen persons. Tugs sent out from Port Colborne and from Buffalo on search for the missing steamer have returned, bringing with them great quantities of wreckage. The storm which destroyed the Niagara was one of the worst that ever raged over Lake Erie. The wind was blowing a gale of forty-five miles an hour and it was snowing heavily.

The names of the lost so far as known are: Captain Henry McCleary, master, Port Colborne, Ont.; Archie McDonald, first mate, Toronto; Thomas Mills, first engineer, Toronto; Duncan MacAuley, second engineer, Toronto; Mrs. Annie Morrow, stewardess, Marine City; Andrew Lehigh, Kingston; James Davey, Kingston.

WANT A PARDON FOR TERRORS

Efforts Making to Get the Rainbargers Out of Trouble.

Mason City, Ia., Dec. 11.—Friends of the Rainbargers are using every effort among central and northern Iowa representatives in the next legislature to secure pardons for the two brothers incarcerated for life in the state penitentiary. They are meeting with very little encouragement. These men were for years the terror of central Iowa.

Finally the four brothers were located and after a desperate struggle, in which two citizens were killed, were captured. On the same night a mob broke into the jail and two of the brothers were shot down, the other two having been secreted by officers. A trial followed and a sentence for life was given them. This was eighteen years ago and this is the first move to secure their liberty. They are said to be model prisoners.

Failure Caused by Hurricane.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Dec. 11.—The first failure on account of the hurricane is that of Pelici Costa & Co., who have been declared bankrupt in the United States provisional court. Their liabilities are \$400,000 and assets \$5,000, but the latter consist largely of non-negotiable paper of planters and others. Henry Fritze has been appointed commissioner and Hermilio Armstrong receiver. The firm has been established thirty-five years and did a large coffee and general commission business.

Citizens Oppose Street Railway Licenses.

Milwaukee, Dec. 11.—A large attended mass meeting of citizens was held Saturday to condemn the street railway ordinance now pending in the common council, which if passed will grant additional increases and entice the present licenses of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light company ten years beyond 1924 in exchange for a 4 cent fare during certain hours morning and evening for the next five years and twenty tickets for \$1, good for any part of the day, after five years.

He Wanted to Get Rich Quickly.

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 11.—Jay A. Buck, the defaulting treasurer of Midland lodge, Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, who squandered \$1,600 belonging to the union playing margins on the board of trade, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to fourteen years in the Michigan City prison. The sentence deprives him of a \$5 per day job in the Midland Steel works and the superintendence of the United Presbyterian church Sunday school.

Both the Fighters Are Dead.

Greenville, Miss., Dec. 11.—A fight here Saturday resulted in the instant death of J. C. Connerley, a lawyer of Lake Village, Ark., and Alfred B. Duncan, general manager of the Read Leaf plantation and stores, who lived near Sunnyside, Ark. The tragedy is said to have been the result of a business misunderstanding.

FILIPINO LEADER KILLED

MAJOR MARCH HAS A FIGHT

With Aguinaldo's Bodyguard, One of the Tagal Dead Being General Gregorio del Pilar.

Manila, Dec. 9, 6:15 p. m.—General Gregorio del Pilar, commanding Aguinaldo's bodyguard, was killed by Major Peyton March's battalion of the Thirty-third infantry in a fight eighteen miles northwest of Cervantes, Dec. 3. According to reports which General Young obtained from escaped Spanish prisoners at Vigan several days ago Major March left the coast, where he was pursuing Aguinaldo, and encountered General del Pilar on a fortified trail. They fought four hours, during which time seventy Filipinos were killed or wounded. The American loss was one man killed and six wounded. The Spaniards report that Major March is still pursuing the insurgents. Del Pilar was one of the leaders of the present and of the anti-Spanish revolution. He was a mere youth, and was reported to have been graduated at a European university.

Manila, Dec. 10, 4:50 p. m.—An expedition headed by the battleship Oregon left Manila for Subic Bay last night. It is reported that the Filipino commander, General Alejandro, with his staff, has surrendered to General MacArthur.

Three Americans, who with a commissary sergeant of the Twelfth infantry were traveling from San Fernando to Angeles left their escort for a moment and went into the bush, and have not been seen since. They were probably captured by the rebels. A mail orderly disappeared between Angeles and Bamban. He also is supposed to have been captured.

A force of 100 insurgents yesterday attacked near Baliuag a wagon train escorted by thirty men of the Sixteenth infantry. A sharp engagement followed. The Filipinos lost eighteen in killed and nine in captured. During the recent attack by the insurgents upon Vigan it seems that the escaped Spaniards obtained guns and fought with the Americans against the insurgents.

VOLUNTEERS NOT ASSASSINS.

John A. Logan Not Killed by an Enemy in His Own Command.

San Francisco, Dec. 11.—The story published in a Chicago paper, and said to have been sent from San Francisco originally, that Major John A. Logan, Jr., was shot by his own men in battle, created surprise among officers here and people generally. The purser of the transport Sheridan that carried the Thirty-third to Manila is not George H. Koppitz as reported. Koppitz is the commissary clerk under Quartermaster Captain Coulling. He denies all knowledge of the story, and says that the use of his name was entirely unauthorized. When seen he was nervous and distracted because of the alleged interview with him.

His Illinois Wife Found Him.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 11.—Frank Green has been arrested near Appison, Tenn., on a charge of bigamy. Two years ago Green, hailing from Tuscola, Ills., settled at Appison, where in the course of time he married the daughter of Dr. R. A. Wilson, a leading citizen. Everything went well until Friday, when a woman claiming to be his real wife, Mrs. Louisa Green, of Tuscola, Ills., and her three children, appeared on the scene, created a big disturbance and had her husband arrested. He was taken before a justice of the peace where he pleaded guilty and was bound over to court.

Litigation Over a Corpse.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11.—Judge Frost in the district court has granted in behalf of Gertrude King an injunction preventing the parents of her dead husband, Clarence King, from removing his body from the cemetery receiving vault and taking it to Illinois for burial. The widow asserts that when her husband became ill his parents took him to their home and refused to allow her to visit him or look upon his face when he died.

Official Vote in Iowa.

Des Moines, Dec. 11.—The official votes on governor and lieutenant governor at the last election have been completed by the secretary of state as follows: Governor—Republican, 239,543; Democratic, 183,326; Prohibition, 7,690; Populist, 1,694; Socialist-Labor, 763; United-Christian, 483. Lieutenant governor—Republican, 239,094; Democratic, 197,776; Prohibition, 7,662; Populist, 1,747; Socialist-Labor, 785; United-Christian, 403.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE.

The Illinois Steel company is projecting improvements and additions at its Bay View plant at Milwaukee that will cost \$3,000,000 or more.

The Baltic woolen mill at Enfield, N. H., was partially burned. Loss, \$100,000.

The pope, who was suffering from a heavy cold, has completely recovered his usual health.

New York is actively at work trying to secure the national conventions next year.

Willis J. Abbot, of New York, will take charge of the Democratic national committee's press bureau within ten days.

William J. Bryan has accepted the offer of Judge A. D. Wather, of Austin, Tex., of a handsome house there to live in this winter, while he is resting.

Dr. Max Lange, the famous German chess master, theoretician and problemist, is dead at Leipzig, aged 67 years.

One of Dewey's war captains, Commander E. P. Wood, is lying seriously ill in his residence at Washington of typhoid fever.

Chief Engineer Howell, who was blown up with the battleship Maine, died at Washington of apoplexy.

Twenty-four cars containing 750,000 pounds of canned beef for the British army were started for South Africa by Libby, McNeill & Libby, of Chicago.

The Chinese governor of Shan Tung has been dismissed for inciting attacks on native Christians.

Rev. Daniel Shephardson, D.D., founder of Shepardson college for women, of Granville, O., died there Saturday, aged 86 years.

Bishop Henry C. Potter, of New York, has arrived on a brief visit to study the Philippines.

KNOCKING AT THE DOOR

Territories Are Pressing For Statehood.

BILLS ARE ALREADY PREPARED.

Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico Present Their Claims—Hawaii Wants a Government—Biographies In the Congressional Directory.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—[Special.]—Pressure for statehood is being made by the territories at this session. Delegates Flynn of Oklahoma, Wilson of Arizona and Perea of New Mexico have each prepared bills for admitting those territories as states. All three have been knocking at the door of congress before, Arizona and New Mexico for years and Oklahoma ever since she was organized as a territory. New Mexico was an applicant more than 25 years ago and went so far as to elect a congressional delegation to serve if statehood should be accomplished. Stephen B. Elkins, now a senator from West Virginia, was selected as one of the senators and came to Washington to assist in bringing about admission.

The statehood advocates now point to the fact that the population of each of the territories is greater than was that of many of the states when admitted and that some states never have had the number of people contained within the boundaries of the smallest of the territories seeking the privilege. Just what effect these arguments will have upon the present congress is difficult to say, but the same arguments have not influenced at least four preceding congresses, and the conditions have not materially changed since this congress was elected.

Locating Themselves.

New members of congress from the same state often seek to secure adjoining seats in the lobby at the beginning of each congress. They believe this an advantage, as it affords an opportunity to confer frequently upon matters pertaining to their state, and besides the average new man thinks that the proximity of some one he knows will be more pleasant than if seated next an absolute stranger. After one or two terms in the house the desire for close association with members from the same state wanes. Sometimes it occurs that interests conflict, and again men from other states are found more congenial. But what often proves to be the case after serving a term or two is that members find they can more profitably serve their state by mingling with other representatives and extending rather than limiting their acquaintance. Many a man has gotten along well in congress because he happened to sit next to a well informed and influential member during the first term and was able to acquire knowledge and acquaintance which served him well in after years.

Long and Short.

The longest biography in the Congressional Directory, issued at the beginning of the session, is that of Senator Chauncey M. Depew of New York, and the shortest is that of Representative Dorsey W. Shackelford of the Eighth Missouri district, who succeeds the late Richard P. Bland, of the Bland dollar fame. It takes 50 full width lines to describe the life and career of the New York senator, while the Missouri representative in 2½ lines briefly tells that he is a Democrat, elected to succeed the late Mr. Bland, and states the vote he received at the election.

Hawaiian Matters.

An effort is to be made to have legislation relating to Hawaii passed early in the session. Quite a number of men from Hawaii are now in Washington urging action which will not only organize a territorial or some other form of government, but which will also dispose of the crown, or government, lands in the islands. Some time ago the president set apart quite a large area of lands for military and naval purposes. These lands were considered the most valuable of the government, or crown, lands in the islands. The president acted upon reports from military and naval officers who had visited the islands, and some of the lands at least are necessary for the purposes to which they have been assigned. Some representatives from Hawaii say that the reserves are much larger than necessary, and they hope to get some legislation which will leave these lands open to purchase or selection for city improvements. Most of these lands are in the vicinity of Honolulu. There is a disposition to clear up Hawaiian governmental affairs if possible, and the prospects are that territorial government on lines proposed by the Hawaiian commission and recommended by the president in his annual message will be adopted.

Admission to the Galleries.

The annual complaint has been made by many people in Washington about the restrictions of admission to the galleries of the house of representatives on the opening day of congress. Of course the capacity of the galleries is limited, and if members of the house would obtain places for their families and friends they must have the admissions by cards only, which is the plan followed on opening days and other occasions of more than ordinary interest. This year the desire to attend was greater than ever before, and the complaints of those who could not gain admission are much more numerous. It is natural, however, that the members should desire their families and personal friends to be present on occasions like opening days, and for this reason they adopt the card system.

ARTHUR W. DUNS.

SLAUGHTER SALE

Too much warm weather; too many cold weather goods.

Owing to the prolonged warm weather, I have decided to use the knife and cut prices on all dry goods lower than they have ever been cut in the history of Lee county.

HEAR 'EM DROP:

Good standard Prints, sold elsewhere at 5c..... 3½c
25 pc Lancaster Apron Check Gingham, sold elsewhere at 7c..... 5c
25 pc Lawrence LL Sheetting, sold elsewhere at 6c..... 4½c
42-inch Pillow Case Muslin..... 9c
15 pc fleeced Flannelette for wrappers, reduced from 10c to..... 8c
10 pc Cotton Flannel, worth 6c.... 4c
15 pc Tennis Flannel, worth 6c.... 4½c
All 10c Tennis Flannels go at..... 8½c
All 9c Tennis Flannels go at..... 7½c
10 pc wool Elderdown, worth 40c... 30c
Good Ticking, worth 8c..... 6c
Good Shirting, worth 8c..... 5c
10 pc Silkoline, the 10c kind for... 7c
7 pc 40-inch Curtain Net, reduced from 12c to..... 9c
Brass Curtain Rods at..... 5c
50 lbs German Knitting Yarn, at... 75c
German Table Linen, 2 yards wide others ask 60c yd, our price.... 45c
Best Overalls you ever saw for... 49c
5 doz Men's Fleece-lined Work Shirts at..... 42c
25 different styles Dress Goods, including Venetians, Camel Hair, Cheviots, Checks, Double-faced Plaids, Black J. guards—none of these have sold for less than 60c, some at 85c—all go at..... 49c

10 pc Selicia, worth 12c, at..... 8c
Heavy Lining Cambrics at..... 4c
Linen Canvass at..... 10c
We have left about 10 doz of those Black Kid Gloves at..... 49c
200 rolls Crepe Paper, per roll... 9c
40 Flannelette Wrappers, were \$1.00, now..... 80c

Jackets and Capes

10 Ladies' Jackets, were \$13.00... \$9.90
10 " " " " 11.00... 8.90
10 " " " " 10.00... 8.00
7 " " " " 7.50... 6.00
6 " " " " 6.50... 5.00
8 " " " " 5.00... 3.75
7c Crushed Plush Capes, 5.50... 3.75

A few Misses' and Children's Jackets, Golf Capes and Fur Collarettes at Reduced Prices.

Corsets

Our celebrated F. P. Corset, we will sell during this sale at..... 89c
Dr. Strong's high bust Model Form during this sale..... 90c
Our E. N. Corset, we will sell during this sale at..... 69c
20th Century, high bust, goes at... 50c
Our No. 50, short hip, goes at.... 50c

Save money and keep warm by buying your BLANKETS, COMFORTERS and UNDERWEAR of us at prices never before quoted. We are bound not to carry over any winter stock. We have plenty of these goods at above prices. Do not fail to attend this sale.

COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1899.

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The day of so-called "incurable diseases" is past. Owing to the great advances made in science and inventions within the past few years, there is now hardly a disease that cannot be successfully coped with by a great physician, possessing the knowledge and endowed with the genius to properly diagnose the case. He must, also, have the newly invented and improved surgical instruments; last but not least, he must employ the medicines used in the MODERN TREATMENT of disease.

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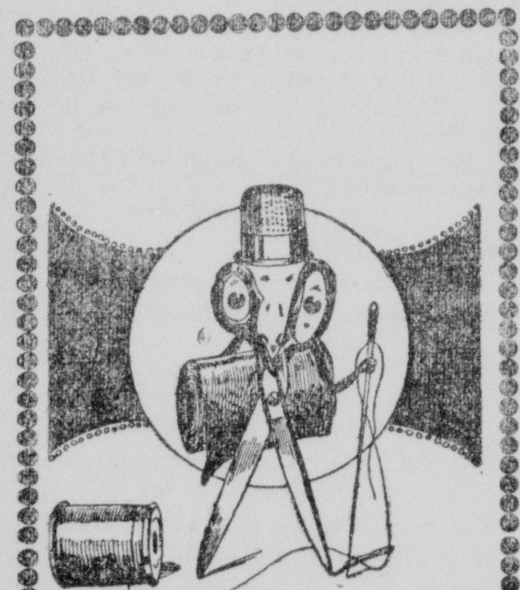
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Lee Correspondence.

A NEW ELEVATOR.

A new elevator is now being constructed in Lee, thus making two for this place. The fact that there has been no competition here in the grain buying business for the past few years has caused considerable trouble among the farmers of this vicinity and several of the representative men of this section have been persuaded by their friends to embark in the venture.

The chief promoters of the scheme are A. J. Prestegard, H. H. Hillison and Lewis and Holden Resitter. These names connected with a venture of this kind will at once convince everyone that the partnership thus formed has the business experience and financial backing that will assure its success.

The elevator is a small one having a capacity of about four cars. It is located on the east side of the railway and is between the creamery and the depot. It adds greatly to the appearance of this part of town and will in all probability increase the volume of grain now handled at Lee.

SURPRISES SURPRISED.

Last Friday night a party of young folk from Lee and vicinity started into the country to have a surprise party on the Lewis Prestegard of Alto. The affair was managed by Mr. Helder Espe of Lee. There were about thirty in the party. The night was an exceedingly fine one and the trip to the Prestegard home was very pleasant. But lo and behold upon arriving at that place it was discovered that the place had been deserted and the house locked. Lewis Prestegard is a bachelor but often feels the need of a good home and frequently he visits the Prestegard home to get conditioned up. At any rate he was not at his bachelor residence last Friday night. However, this slight miscalculation was not destined to deprive the young folk of the evening's enjoyment they anticipated, for Mr. Espe, the knight errant of the occasion, again sallied forth and led his followers two miles eastward to the home of Martin Rogde. Here they took possession and the merriment was carried far into the night. Games and dancing were the principal features of the evening. Light refreshments were also served. This affair will long be remembered by those who were present as the most romantic and pleasant social event of the winter.

Lewis and Peter Boyd have gone to Red Cliffe, Iowa for a visit.

Ira Winterton left yesterday for a trip thru Iowa.

Rev. J. Nordby spent last week with his parishioners at Capron.

Martin Bly was in Chicago last Friday.

Peter Bly, having sold out his stock and rented his farm, has returned to Dawson, Minnesota, where he expects to make his future home. He was accompanied to Dawson by Holden Resitter.

Mrs. M. P. Harris and son, Tommy, were in Rochelle Saturday.

Messrs. A. J. Prestegard and W. K. Resitter were in Chicago last Friday.

John Harris has entered the business college at Rockford.

Miss Agnes Nordby is visiting in Chicago.

The Methodist Sunday School of this place are practicing several nights each week now, preparatory to giving an elaborate Christmas entertainment which will take place on the Saturday evening before Christmas.

ASHTON.

Dec. 10.—Dr. Holstein now has offices in the Commercial block.

Miss Minnie Wagner is now working in Miss Harris' millinery store as an apprentice.

Marshall Hartzel has put tying rings all along the Main street sidewalk.

Fred Schubart has opened up a first class lunch counter in his father's building.

Chas. Bode has bought part of the Eisenberg stock and will close it out at auction in the building formerly occupied by Chris Kliebe.

Rev. Slaughter has made a number of converts at his revival meetings at the Methodist church.

Charles Brown was home Friday, after working at Nelson several days, on account of the regular operator being sick.

Gus Reitz is now living in the house formerly occupied by John Reitz.

Christmas trade promises to be excellent this year.

STEWART.

Dec. 10.—Miss Estelle Birdsall went to Sterling last week where she has secured a position as clerk in a department store until after the holidays.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Emory Thorpe Friday last a baby girl.

Abe Morton and family are now occupying their new residence in the eastern part of town.

The entertainment given at the school hall Friday night was largely attended.

Walter Foster made a business trip to Chicago last week.

Our young men have organized an athletic club in the rooms over G. A. Ruchman's hardware store.

Mrs. J. Byrd was the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. A. Herrick Saturday night.

TWO BLUFFS THAT WON.

A Pleasant Meeting Between the Editor and the Reporter.

Jack Rogers was a newspaper reporter and broke. He had hung around the Dubuque newspaper offices for a job until he had been requested to move on. So he decided to move on to Des Moines. But how to get there was the question. Jack put on his thinking cap, and the result was that two hours later he found himself on a train and the conductor standing by his seat.

"Ticket!" said the conductor. "See here, conductor," said Jack easily, "my name's Rogers, and I'm a reporter on the Des Moines Air Blast. I'm broke and I'm in a hurry to get back home with a big scoop. You let me ride and the office'll fix it up with you. See?"

"Well," said the conductor, "I guess that'll do all right. The road feels friendly toward The Air Blast. In fact, the editor is in the back coach. Come along and I'll introduce you. If he says you're all right, it goes."

Jack was knocked all in a heap at the turn things had taken, but he had nothing to do but to follow the conductor. They halted in front of a man in the coach, and the conductor said:

"Mr. Smith, this is Mr. Rogers. He says he's a reporter on your paper, and wants the office to pay for his transportation when he gets to Des Moines."

"How do you do, Mr. Rogers?" said the editor pleasantly, extending his hand. "Glad to see you. Sit down here with me." The conductor didn't wait for any more, but went off.

"Well, this is nice of you," said Jack, too astonished and embarrassed to talk straight. "Of course, I'm not on your paper, but I'm broke and yarned to the conductor, hoping to get a job and square it up later."

"Oh, that's all right, my boy," said the editor. "Neither am I on the paper. I'm only riding on the editor's pass."—San Francisco Bulletin.

EGGS BY QUART.

White or Mixed in This Way of Marketing "Hen Fruit."

"Give me a quart of yolks."

"What are whites worth today?"

"Send me up a gallon of mixed."

Such expressions as these will be familiar terms in grocery stores and butcher shops in Kansas City before long. Housewives will make them so, for eggs will be sold by the pint, quart and gallon instead of by the dozen. In fact, the big confectionery establishments of the city buy them by the gallon now. Kitchen economy suggested the scheme, and local packers immediately took it up.

How often it is that a cook will break a dozen or more eggs in order to get the yolks to make a cake. The whites will be thrown away, or vice versa. Why not make a saving of the whites or yolks, as the case may be? was suggested. The packers put the question to the confectioners, and the latter saw the point. Now, when a confectioner wants to make stuff with the yolks he sends to a packing house and buys yolks by the gallon. If he wants to use both, he sends and gets a mixed can. It is predicted that housewives will soon adopt the same method.

With this new system of handling "hen fruit," there is absolutely no loss. The eggshells are even used. They are ground up and sold for chicken feed.—Kansas City Times.

An Ancient Coin.

One of the prized curios of the Philadelphia mint is a coin which is 2,000 years old and which was coined at the ancient mint of that other Philadelphia of the far east mentioned in the Bible. It is still in good condition, and the inscription is perfectly legible. The design on the face of the coin bears a striking resemblance to the Goddess of Liberty of our own currency, and underneath is the one word "Demos," which means "the people." On the other side is the figure of Diana, with her bow arched, and the inscription, "Diana, Friend of the Philadelphians." When this coin was struck off, Philadelphia was the most important city of Lydia. The prize was picked up in Europe by Joseph Mickley, a celebrated Philadelphia violin maker and numismatist of high repute, who presented it to the mint.—Philadelphia Record.

Aptly Designated.

Robert Hilliard, the actor, once brought a young English woman to see "El Capitan." She was much impressed with De Wolf Hopper and remarked: "What a charming man your Mr. Hopper is! Tell me, is he married?"

"Been married three times," was the reply.

"Three times?" she repeated. "And they are all three dead?"

"No," was the answer; "divorced."

"Ah," she rejoined, "I see! He is a Grass Hopper."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Wood Tar.

Wood tar is still made as it was in 400 B. C. A bark is chosen and a hole dug, into which the wood is placed, covered with turf. A fire is lighted underneath, and the tar slowly drips into the barrels to receive it.

Altruism.

She—George, is that one of those cigars I gave you on your birthday?

He—No; I'm saving those for my friends.

She—You dear, self sacrificing, unselfish man!—Ohio State Journal.

Cupid in a Huff.

"Our engagement is off again."

"What's the matter now?"

"I gave her a belt buckle with my photograph on it, and she uses it to fasten her dog's collar."—Chicago Record.

THE OLD TIME BELLE.

The Busy Modern Girlhood Smiles Over Her Trivial Interests.

An extract from the "Journal of a young lady of fashion" several centuries ago makes one feel quite relieved that it is not really a part of elegant living nowadays to keep journals, remarks an exchange. Poor little faded journal! The delicate little hand that penned those cramped lines, maybe, was given to "John Grey." For romance's sake, let's hope that it was.

"7 o'clock—Went to walk with the lady, my mother, in the courtyard."

"10 o'clock—Went to dinner; John Grey, a most comely youth—but what is that to me? A virtuous maiden should be entirely under the direction of her parents. John ate but little and stole a great many tender looks at me; said women would never be handsome, in his opinion, who were not good natured. I hope my temper is not intolerable. * * * Rose from the table; the company all desirous of walking in the fields; John Grey would lift me over every stile, and twice he squeezed my hands with vehemence. I cannot say I should have any objections to John Grey; he plays at prison bars as well as any of the country gentlemen and is remarkably dutiful to his parents, my lord and lady, and never misses church on Sunday."

A sample of poetry dedicated to "a young lady" shows what women were served with in the way of literature:

And he whose lot is blessed,
As only man's can be,
Will find too sure a rest
On earth with thee.
Where all is bright and fair
And sorry joys entomb,
Thou'lt be transplanted there
And ever bloom.

O ye shades of our ancestresses! What would you think of the contents of some of our library shelves? What would you think of the rosy cheeked girl who would consider such poetry as you read simply too insipid and stupid for any use?—Baltimore Herald.

MACREADY ON THE STAGE.

The Tragedian Was Not a Pleasant Man to Act With.

Macready was a dreadful man to act with. You had the pleasant sensation of knowing that you were doing nothing that he wanted you to do, though following strictly his instructions. He would press you down with his hand on your head and tell you in an undertone to stand up. Mr. Macready was a terribly nervous actor. Any little thing which happened unexpectedly irritated him beyond endurance.

One night at the Park "Macbeth" was the play. Mrs. Sloman, an old fashioned actress, dressed Lady Macbeth in the manner which prevailed in her early life, in black velvet, point lace and pearl beads. In the murder scene part of his dress caught on the tassels of her pearl girdle. The string broke, the beads fell to the floor softly with a pretty rhythmic sound, distinctly heard through the intense silence of the scene.

This so exasperated Mr. Macready that he was almost frantic, until, with the final lines of the scene, "Wake, Duncan with the knocking, oh! Would thou couldst," he threw Mrs. Sloman off the stage, with words which I hope were unheard by the public and were certainly unfit for publication.—"Autobiographical Sketches," by Mrs. John Drew, in Scribner's.

A City With Two Carriages.

There are only two carriages in town. One belongs to the archbishop, and the other carriage is the property of the government and one of the perquisites that pertain to the presidential power. It is an ordinary landau, imported from Paris in pieces and put together by local talent, and a native artist has painted upon the panels of the doors a brilliant reproduction of the coat of arms of the republic, about a foot square, in the national colors—green, yellow and red. This is greatly admired by the populace, who see the carriage only occasionally, on state occasions, when it is drawn by four big black horses wearing harness heavily mounted with silver and decorated with rosettes, tassels and streamers of the national colors.—La Paz (Bolivia) Cor. Chicago Record.

An Illustrious Newsboy.

The guests at my table at the luncheon were Professors Gneist and Hoffman and Von Bunsen. While thus refreshing ourselves, both physically and mentally, Hoffman told the following story of Faraday, whom he had known very intimately. They were walking one day together through the streets of London, where both were then professors, when Faraday stopped a newsboy and bought a paper. Hoffman asked him why, with his house supplied regularly with all the papers he needed, he stopped to buy a paper from a boy in the street. Faraday replied, "I was once a newsboy myself and sold papers on the street."—John Bigelow's Recollections in Century.

Where It Was Needed.

McSwitters—No, I don't want the encyclopedia.

Agent—Do you know any one around here who might?

McSwitters—The man next door. He's one of those fellows who know it all.—Syracuse Herald.

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Across the Division Fence.

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Second Lady—Course ye wouldn't. Ye'd clean 'em.

The riot call was sent in about three minutes later.—Indianapolis Journal.

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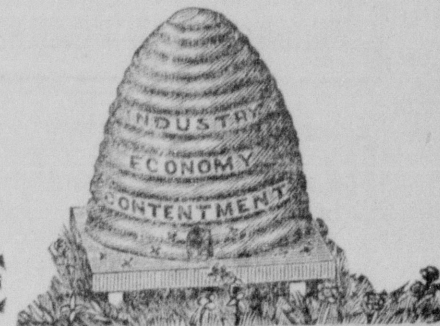
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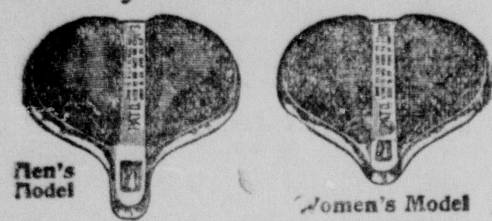
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THE CASE OF JACK.

By Juliet Wilbur Tompkins.

"I don't see how I ever came to marry an Englishman," said Mrs. Barry, not for the first time.

"It was the most sensible thing you ever did," said her husband from behind his paper. She came and sat on the arm of his chair.

"I do believe you think I'm in love with you still," she said.

"Well, it looks that way," he answered with British conceit, holding the paper to one side, so that his head might not come between him and the Venezuelan question.

"I don't mind about you," she went on. "You've lived here so long that you're almost as nice as an American, and your voice has nearly lost its English inflections—"

"Dear me, I must get an English governess," he interposed.

"But sometimes I'm worried about Jack. He isn't one thing or the other, and if we should ever go to war he would hate to fight against England when his grandfather sends him such lovely presents!"

"My son fight against England!" exclaimed Mr. Barry. "I'd like to see him try it, that's all. He will find he has to settle with his father first."

"But, Harold, if he was born here, of course, his natural feelings would be with America, and you know how obstinate Jack is when he makes up his mind. Why, I wouldn't go against my country, not if you commanded me on your bended knees, and he would feel it even more strongly, being a man. You would simply make a breach between you if you tried to interfere."

"A few years in Oxford will change all that," said Mr. Barry, turning over his paper.

"Considering that he isn't going there—" said his wife, decidedly.

"Oh, he's not?"

"If he should it would end his life living there and marrying some dowdy English girl with a six-inch fringe and

a solemn reverence for the men of her family, and how would you like that?"

"Better than a nervous American daughter-in-law with a six-inch waist, and no respect for anything in heaven or earth," was the imperturbable answer.

"Of course, you mean Alice," said his wife, indignantly, "though I'm sure she isn't a bit nervous, and nobody laces now. Both her mother and I think Alice and Jack were made for each other, whatever your opinion is."

"H'm." Mr. Barry was deep in his paper.

"Alice hasn't as much character as Jack," she added presently, "but she is sweet and good and lovable, and I don't see why they shouldn't be very happy together. It doesn't matter if he is rather the brighter of the two."

"Is the engagement announced?" asked the husband, sarcastically, but the question was ignored.

"After Jack has graduated from Harvard we will throw them together a great deal," she said. "I hope Jack won't develop the English bashfulness. Was your father a shy man about love making and such things, Harold?"

"Why, he had rather done with that when I met him, but I should fancy he was timid."

"I am so glad. I was afraid it had skipped a generation and was coming out in Jack."

"If it does she probably won't mind helping him out a bit since we're a sensible America. I don't think Jack will need it, though. He inherits considerable determination, not to say obstinacy, from his grandfather."

"That hasn't skipped a generation," said Mrs. Barry, pointedly.

"I've come into enough of it to know that at the proper time Jack is going to Oxford," was the calm reply.

"Which will simply spoil everything," said Mrs. Barry, impatiently.

"Alice will be married long before he gets back, and he himself will pro-

ably be a victim. Oh, Uncle Dan," as the door opened to admit an elderly man, "you've come just in time. We want a lawyer."

"Has it come to that?" asked the newcomer, looking grieved.

"Harold says that Jack isn't an American at all and will have to join the English army when we go to war," Mrs. Barry said, indignantly. "Just because he himself happened to be born over there. He wants Jack to go to Oxford and marry an English girl whom we won't know or be fond of, when here is Alice just cut out for him, and we've got it all planned. Now tell us, as a lawyer, what Jack's nationality is."

"Well," began Uncle Dan, seriously, "as a child of an American mother and born in this country, I shall call him an American citizen."

"There!" interrupted Mrs. Barry.

"And, being such, he will probably choose for himself not only his college and his wife, but his nationality. If a freeborn American wants to consider himself an Englishman, I don't know anything that is going to stop him."

"That is about it," said Mr. Barry, in a tone of satisfaction.

"But what is your hurry about deciding?" Uncle Dan asked. "How old is the boy, anyway?"

"Just three months to-day," said Mrs. Barry, proudly. "Stay to dinner and you shall see him."

"All the same," said her husband, "until he is old enough to decide for himself, Jack is going to pray for the queen. God bless her!"

"I'll spank him every time he does," said the American half of the coalition. And then they all laughed and went out to dinner.—The Wave.

A. Rockefeller, Stenographer.

Alta Rockefeller is both a typewriter and stenographer. It is needless to say she has never accepted a position. It was her father's wish that she learn typewriting and stenography, and so, to please him, she did.

An Evening Call.

He who best knows how to propitiate the mother of his best girl has the battle more than half won. This has to do with a bungalow in the line referred to. He called at the pretty house on National avenue and made the mistake of trying to entertain the mother instead of allowing the mother to entertain him while waiting for the girl, who had not completed her toilet.

"What are the three latest methods of rapid communication?" he asked very early in their conversation. She gave it up and he glibly said: "Telephone, telegraph and tellawoman." That she was indignant appeared in the fact that she did not laugh and went on to tell what a revival of old jokes there had been of late. But he never twigged and continued to be "smart."

The mother determined to be watchful. The daughter came and the mother excused herself, only to find a seat in the back parlor. She had taken a dislike to the youth and was on duty. The baby of the household came in, and, as a matter of course, toddled right to the corner occupied by sister and her "steady." Full five minutes mamma sat in alert silence, and then baby chirped: "Tiss me, too, sister."

Sister always has her head, and at once said in a raised tone of voice, "Baby should not say 'Kiss me two,' say 'Kiss me twice.'"

Novelty Sets.

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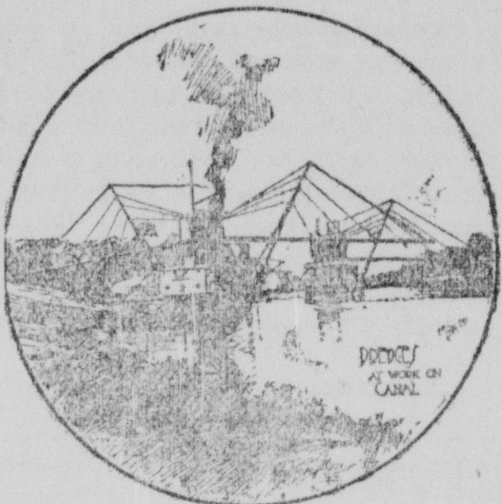
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The most thorough survey yet made of the proposed Nicaraguan canal routes from the Atlantic to the Pacific has induced the Commissioners to recommend the adoption of the "low level route" suggested by Commander Lull, U. S. N., in 1872, in preference to the "high level line" submitted by the Maritime Canal Company. They were led to this conclusion because the low level plan is easier of construction, is not complicated by problems unusual in engineering precedents, and when completed is certain to give a safer and more reliable canal. All the earlier surveys were hampered by the inadequacy of the appropriations and by the want of proper facilities, and a deal of guessing and theorizing was interjected with the instrumental work.

In the present examination all this has been avoided, and for the first time we know with fair accuracy the difficulties and the advantages of the localities surveyed. Volumes and areas of water in and tributary to the proposed route have been measured, the geological character of river beds and of the mountain "divide" has been determined and the available channels across the lake have been submitted to careful hydrographic surveys, with important gains in the shortening of safe distances from shore to shore.

The Maritime Company route is shorter, because it contemplates a cut almost in a straight line from Greytown, the port of entrance accepted by both commissions, to a point in the San Juan river, near its confluence with the San Carlos river. Just below this is to be constructed the enormous Ochoa Dam, which has been severely criticised by eminent engineers as most difficult to build and most unsafe in character even when constructed.



The Lull low level route starts from the same point on the Caribbean and skirting the foothills runs diagonally across the mud flats until it strikes in a straight line the banks of the San Juan. Thereafter it practically follows this river, avoiding bends and sinuosities, until it reaches the point, one mile below the San Carlos, where the Ochoa Dam is to be built.

Both canals have locks, by which vessels will be lifted to the slack water of the San Juan river. The divergence of routes ceases at the San Carlos, and both plans go up the river, across the lake, until the Rio Medio is reached, on the western slope. By means of locks vessels will be carried down to Brito, a mere indentation on the Pacific coast which will demand the construction of an artificial harbor. The exact distances have not been published, but it is known that Lieutenant Hannus, United States Navy, made important discoveries in the lake survey, which will shorten somewhat the route proposed by Commander Lull. His distances were as follows:

	Miles.
Canal from Greytown to San Carlos	42
Slack water in the San Juan river by dams and short canals	65 1/2
Across the lake	59 1/2
From the Medio Lake affluent to Brito	16 1/2
Total	181 1/2

The original estimated cost of the Maritime Company's route, which is eleven miles shorter, is \$124,000,000, but General Ludlow, in his reconnaissance, declared this to be an underestimate, and added a large percentage to the figures submitted. Admiral Walker, who was the senior officer of the present survey, believes that the low level route can be constructed for \$124,000,000, but his colleague, General Haines, of the United States Engineers, considers that \$150,000,000 is a more accurate estimate, inasmuch as the final plans will contemplate a deeper, wider and better constructed route than hitherto provided for by any of the commissions.

Norway's Good Cigarette Law.

At least one victory must be placed to the credit of those societies which exist to put down the abuse of tobacco. This victory has been won in Norway, the Norwegian Storting having practically decided to pass a law forbidding the sale of tobacco to youths under the age of sixteen. By this law no youth under that age will be able to purchase tobacco in Norwegian towns, and the weed will only be sold to youths in villages who have signed orders from adults. Tourists who offer cigarettes to youths render themselves liable to prosecution, while the police will have authority to confiscate the pipes, cigars and cigarettes of youths who defy the law by smoking in the public streets.

FADS AND FANCIES.

As cooler weather sets in the Elton jacket becomes a little too airy, and so big buckles are fastened to the two front tabs, and they are closed up tightly. These buckles are something huge, measuring about five or six inches in height and spreading back as many more on each side of the centre hook. The favorite is a cut steel design. In fact, cut steel seems to be coming into great favor in all sorts of trimmings and decorations, the newest collarettes being hung with graduated loop fringes of steel beads reaching all around the neck and hanging half way to the waist in front.

The whip belt is the last imposition of the "sporty girl." She has used her dog's collar, and even locked it with a key through its real padlock all summer, but now she takes the cowhide whip, doubles it, ties a loose knot in the centre and wraps it about her waist, fastening the lash around back and forth through the loops formed by the middle loop and that of the handle of the whip, letting the last few threads fall in a fringe below the belt.

Some of the girls are obtaining the Russian small waist in another way than the old one of lacing the corset in sections, with several different and separate strings. The corset is fitted, and then a tiny belt is buckled tightly next to it and under the outer garments. The corset naturally assumes the curved figure aimed for, and the belt holds like a vice. While this is not the latest fashion, the Venus de Milo figure giving the idea for the most recently designed Paris models, there are many people, both men and women, especially the former, who admire the taper of a tiny waist, however sensibly they may talk about the evils of tight lacing for the benefit of their own families, wives and daughters.

Instead of the "last rose of summer," the last effort of summer millinery seems to be a pansy hat, which is made of straw. The hat is shaped after the flower, the effect being obtained by the manner in which the straw is manipulated. The colorings can be chosen easily, as there are trimmings of all shades this season, and except for a golden gauze pompon for the heart of the pansy, no trimming is needed to make it artistic. Nevertheless, bunches of rich purple and yellow pansies are used on the top and also at the back. The whole effect is rich and unusual. Only a very pretty girl can pretend to wear it.

There is a new scrapbook for the housewife. The edges of this book are cut as accurately as the index of a ledger of the most methodical bookkeeper in a counting room. Very strange are the labels for this new book, however. First come soups, then meats, poultry, game, eggs, fish, vegetables, salads, breads, cakes, puddings, desserts, jellies, cereals, candies, miscellaneous, and so on. This is not intended for a complete cook book, but for a culling from the best sources the favorite recipes of the family and their friends. It is compiled at home, and is probably kept under lock and key by the mistress herself, and brought into requisition only upon rare and important occasions.

A new fad among young people owes its origin to sentiment. Probably this is not the first fad to own romance as a parent. At any rate the cast of a beloved hand now graces many a boudoir, as well as many a den. In the most highly developed stages of the craze the cast is made of the clasped hands of the two lovers, each one possessing a copy. Whether this is the highest art as represented in the studio of the manufacturer of antique Grecian, Roman and Florentine artistic plaster statuary or not, it certainly brings in more money to his bank account than the beautiful copies of the most noted statues of the famous galleries of Europe. It takes about an hour to make the mould and let it set properly, and then as many casts can be made from it as desired. It is a unique way of accentuating a betrothal, and by the way in which business is thriving it looks like a perfect rush of fall weddings.

Black silk underwear is again in vogue. This time it comes in the form of China silk and China muslin, and is quite plain compared with the fluffy lingerie in white. A silk lace edge is usually all the finish used, although there are often one or two rows of insertion laid in between tucks, but the elaborateness of the white garments is decidedly absent in the black silk. With these silk garments will be worn also the silk woven vests and black corsets. The woven union suits are particularly suited to be worn under the latest habit skirts, which have recovered from their unpopularity of the summer, and are now more in evidence than ever. Perhaps it is to these new skirts that we are indebted for the soft silk lingerie now in favor.

Cut crystal hat pins are very much in evidence now-a-days. They are very large and faceted as carefully as if of the rare and expensive diamond crystal. They are certainly very ornamental to the hat, more especially those big black velvet hats which are appearing in large numbers already, loaded down with beautiful plumes.

This drum-shaped hairpin and pin holder as described by The Designer, has a centre made of white celluloid hand painted with lilacs of the valley. This part can also be made of cardboard covered with fancy silk. This cylinder is laced together at the back with baby ribbons run through holes punched along each side and tied in a tiny bow at each end. The cushions for each end are made of horsehair. The one for pins is covered with puffed silk. That for hairpins has the centre part covered with net or lace, the meshes of which the hairpins can easily penetrate. The holder is sachet scented by rolling up a teaspoonful of the powder in a bit of wadding and putting it in the cylinder.

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